

# Women's History Month

March 2006

## Selected Sites for General Audiences, Teachers, and Researchers

*Each March, the United States celebrates Women's History Month. All over the country, people organize events, exhibits, roundtable discussions, and activities to call attention to the contributions of American women in all spheres of public and private life.*

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### From the Department of State

#### **Women of Influence: 12 American Trailblazers**

"Women of Influence" introduces 12 notable American women, paired to illustrate key developments in American history, from colonial times to the 20th century. It consists of six mini-chapters: "Guiding Lights to a New World" (Sacagawea and Pocahontas), "The Colonial Era" (Anne Bradstreet and Anne Hutchinson), "Birth of a Nation" (Abigail Adams and Margaret Corbin), "Breaking the Chains of Slavery" (Harriet Tubman and Sojourner Truth), "A Woman's Right to Vote" (Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony), and "A Role in Government" (Jeannette Rankin and Hattie Caraway). Illustrated in full color and black and white, this Web publication offers short historical backgrounders to introduce each pair, profiles for the 12 women, links, and lists for additional reading. The publication eventually will be expanded to include additional notable women from the United States and other countries.

<http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/womeninfln/>

#### **Webchat: American Women – Their Contributions to U.S. Society**

In conjunction with "Women of Influence," the U.S. Department of State is offering an interactive online webchat on March 8 at 4:00 P.M. Kiev time entitled "American Women - Their Contributions to U.S. Society," with historian Susan Ware. Dr. Ware is the editor of Harvard University Press' "Notable American Women: A Biographical Dictionary" (2004) and has written several books on women and the New Deal. She headed the Scholars Advisory Committee and wrote the introduction for "American Women: A Library of Congress Guide for the Study of Women's History and Culture in the United States." This webchat is open to all, and will last one hour. Participants are required to sign up for the chat and will receive login instructions. This webchat is accessible from any computer with Internet access. To register, participants must submit their names and a valid e-mail address to

[usinfowebchat@state.gov](mailto:usinfowebchat@state.gov).

## General Information, Biographies, and Classroom Materials

### Women's History

About.com

<http://womenshistory.about.com>

Internet Public Library

<http://www.ipl.org/div/subject/browse/soc50.90.90>

### The History of Women's History Month

InfoPlease.com

<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/womenshistory1.html>

### Women of the Century

Discovery Education

<http://school.discovery.com/schooladventures/womenofthecentury>

### Women's History Month Resources

Gale Group Databases

[http://www.galegroup.com/free\\_resources/whm/index.htm](http://www.galegroup.com/free_resources/whm/index.htm)

History Channel Exhibits; *contains lesson plans*

<http://www.historychannel.com/exhibits/womenhist>

Federal Resources for Educational Excellence (FREE)

<http://www.ed.gov/free/w-history.html>

Evergreen State College

<http://www.evergreen.edu/library/govdocs/hotopics/womenshistory/index.html>

### Internet Women's History Sourcebook

Department of History, Fordham University.

<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/women/womensbook.html>

### Timeline Special

New York Times

<http://www.nytimes.com/library/magazine/millennium/m2/wolf-timeline.html>

## Resources for Researchers

### National Women's History Museum

Founded in 1996, the National Women's History Museum is a nonpartisan, nonprofit educational institution dedicated to revealing, presenting, and celebrating the rich and diverse history of women's contributions that have shaped American culture and society.

<http://www.nmwh.org>

### Women and Social Movements in the United States, 1775-2000

SUNY at Binghamton

<http://womhist.binghamton.edu>

### **National Collaborative for Women's History Sites**

Operating from the Alice Paul Institute, the National Collaborative for Women's History Sites "supports and promotes the preservation and interpretation of sites and locales that bear witness to women's participation in American life." Information on over 30 historical sites as well as news and calendars of events are available on this site.

<http://ncwhs.oah.org/>

### **Library resources**

#### *American Women: A Gateway for the Study of Women's History and Culture in the United States*

Library of Congress

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/awhhtml>

#### *Women's History Resources*

University of Wisconsin Library

<http://www.library.wisc.edu/libraries/WomensStudies/hist.htm>

#### *Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture*

Part of Duke University's Rare Book, Manuscript, Special Collections Library, women's manuscripts represent a substantial portion of the library's collections. The material at the Sallie Bingham Center "ranges from plantation diaries to women's suffrage documents, from a Phyllis Wheatley letter to Anne Tyler manuscripts, from the records of local Women's Temperance Union to the papers of contemporary feminist activities."

<http://scriptorium.lib.duke.edu/women>

#### *National First Ladies' Library*

Based in Canton, Ohio, this facility contains archives devoted to educating everyone from children to serious scholars on the contributions of First Ladies and other important women in history. In addition to its physical holdings, the library provides an electronic virtual collection available to people in the United States and abroad.

<http://www.firstladies.org>

### **American Women's History: A Research Guide**

Middle Tennessee State University

<http://www.mtsu.edu/~kmiddlet/history/women.html>

### **Women's History Month: A New Era for Working Women: Multimedia**

Census Bureau, March 2004

<http://www.census.gov/pubinfo/www/multimedia/WomensHistory.html>

### **The National Women's Hall of Fame**

In 1969, a group of women and men of Seneca Falls created the National Women's Hall of Fame, believing that the contribution of American women deserved a permanent home in the small village where it all began. The Hall is home to exhibits, artifacts of historical interest, a research library and office.

<http://www.greatwomen.org>

### **The National Women's History Project**

In 1980, the National Women's History Project (NWHF) was founded in Santa Rosa, California, to broadcast women's historical achievements. The NWHF started by leading a coalition that successfully lobbied Congress to designate March as National Women's

History Month, now celebrated across the country. Today, the NWHP is known nationally as the only clearinghouse providing information and training in multicultural women's history for educators, community organizations, and parents -- for anyone wanting to expand their understanding of women contributions to U. S. history. There are separate sections offering information on:

Events: <http://www.nwhp.org/events/events.html>

Honorees: <http://www.nwhp.org/whm/all-honorees.html>

Program Ideas: <http://www.nwhp.org/whm/themes/checklist.html>

Themes: <http://www.nwhp.org/whm/themes/themes.html>

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